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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRADLEY ET AL.

Examiner

Caixia Lu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/21/06.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Rebhan (US 5,432,244).

The instant claims are directed to a Ziegler-Natta catalyst composition and a polymerization process thereof, wherein the catalyst composition comprising (i) a procatalyst containing a transition metal compound and an internal electron-donor of an ester of aromatic monocarboxylic acid, (ii) an alkylaluminum cocatalyst, and a mixture of different selectivity control agents (SCA) comprising an ester of aromatic monocarboxylic acid and an alkoxysilane compound containing one or more 5- or 6-membered cyclic group.

Rebhan teaches a Ziegler-Natta for olefin polymerization comprising (i) a procatalyst containing a transition metal compound and an internal electron-donor of an ester of aromatic mono- or dicarboxylic acid, (ii) an alkylaluminum cocatalyst, and a mixture of different selectivity control agents (SCA) comprising an ester of aromatic monocarboxylic acid and an alkoxysilane compound (col. 1, line 57 to col. 4, line 68; and Examples 2-3 and 5-16).

While the catalyst compositions of Rebhan's Examples 2-3 and 5-16 are substantially similar to those of the instant claims except that the silane SCA used in Rebhan's Examples does not contain the cyclic groups such as cyclohexyl and cyclopentyl of the instant claims. However, Rebhan expressly teaches silanes such as cyclohexylmethyldimethoxysilane and cyclohexyltrimethoxysilane as the silane SCAs (col. 4, lines 54-55). Thus, it would have obvious to a skilled artisan to employ Rebhan's teaching and use cyclohexylmethyldimethoxysilane or cyclohexyltrimethoxysilane to prepare the catalyst composition since such is within the scope of Rebhan's teaching and in the absence of any showing criticality and unexpected results.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Seeger et al. (US 5,414,063).

Seeger's Example 4 demonstrate a propylene polymerization process in the presence of a Ziegler catalyst which has all of the components of the catalyst of instant claims except that the internal electron donor of diethylphthalate is not an monoester of aromatic carboxylic acid. However, Seeger does expressly teach the internal electron donor to be benzoyl chloride which becomes ethyl benzoate (monoester of aromatic carboxylic acid) in the procatalyst preparation process (col. 15-26). Thus, it would have obvious to a skilled artisan to employ Seeger's teaching and use ethyl benzoate as the internal electron donor to prepare the catalyst composition since such is within the scope of Seeger's teaching and in the absence of any showing criticality and unexpected results.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caixia Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1106.

The examiner can normally be reached from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful and the matter is urgent, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571) 272-1114. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1700.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caixia Lu'.

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Primary Examiner